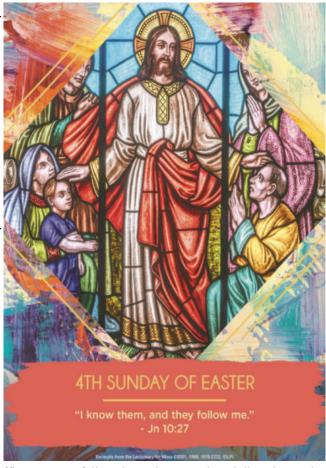
# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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May 8, 2022

uman beings. while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary and desires, wants enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thoughts, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who



empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost.



#### Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

#### Daily Mass:

Weds., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 7:00 pm Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour: Tuesday 6:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Confession:

Tuesday evenings 6:15 pm.

First Friday and Saturday of the month following morning Mass.

Every Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm.

Rosary: After each Mass

#### Parish Directory

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#### Pastor:

Fr. John Dumas

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#### MASS or BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that all Mass or Bulletin announcements must be received by the Parish Office a minimum of two weeks in advance. Thank You.

St. Aloysius
Parish Registration Complete and drop in the collection basket. We thank God for your presence here.
Name:
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☐ I would like to become a parishioner.
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#### Mission Statement

St. Aloysius is a friendly parish with a sense of family. Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ to pray and worship, we serve one another with understanding and compassion. Our mission is to share, live and witness the Gospel, as we celebrate the sacraments and practice the works of Christian service, education, justice and peace. We support a vision for growth rooted in the belief that all



Dave Buck Retta Matt
Nellie Chadwick Rob McLachlan
Carol Gilliland Chuck Shonta
Connie Haven Lawrence Williams
Jack Kramer Darryl Zilka

Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering.

Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Any Parishioner my add someone to the Prayer List. Please contact the Parish Office.



#### REQUIESCANT IN PACE:

11/1/2021 thru 10/31/2022

Leonard Ottenbreit Laura Ash Bernard "Bernie" Roberts Joe Matt William Sovinski

And All the Faithful Departed

MEMENTO MORI



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 NO MASS

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

9:00 am †Sylvia Dubisky req. by Walter and Dianne Zaleski

Thursday, May 12, 2022

9:00 am Priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Friday, May 13, 2022

9:00 am †The Souls in Purgatory req. by Darryl and Sharon

**Saturday, May 14, 2022** 

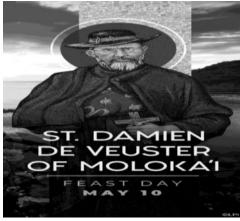
9:00 am Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Anticipatory Mass

5:00 pm Religious ministering within the Archdiocese of Detroit

5th Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

9:00 am Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Detroit 11:00 am The Parishioners of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish



People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'l' (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love

Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'I, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.



"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The

Father and I are one." - In 10:27-30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 03001, 1999, 1970 CCD

## Readings for the week of May 08, 2022

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Jn 10:1-10 **Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26

> Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Jn 12:44-50 **Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25,

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Jn 13:16-20 Friday: Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27

Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

#### Lay Minister Schedule May 14 and 15, 2022

#### **Altar Server**

5:00 pm Paul 9:00 am Mike 11:00 am Barbara

#### Reader

5:00 pm Pam 9:00 am Donna 11:00 am Jackford



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **Reluctant Sheep**

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God is trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

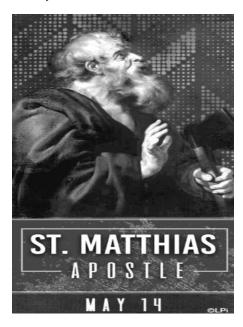
We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don't have to do this on your own*.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life. or ordained ministries. that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children. Amen.

#### ST. ALOYSIUS 200 CLUB RAFFLE

The next drawing for the raffle will be on Sunday, May 22, 2022
10 Tickets drawn for \$25 each

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The last monthly drawing is June 26, 2022.

See an usher after Mass, call the office, or send in a ticket sheet found in the vestibule and the ticket will be mailed to you.



#### ~This Coming Week~

Rosary prayed after every Holy Mass

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 NO HOLY HOUR OR MASS Wednesday, May 11, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion 7:00 pm Bible Study @ St. Stephen

Thursday, May 12, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

9:30 am Infant of Prague Devotion

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

Friday, May 13, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

Saturday, May 14, 2022

9:00 am Holy Mass

3:30-4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Anticipatory Holy Mass

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Coffee and Donuts after All Sunday Masses

9:00 am Holy Mass 11:00 am Holy Mass

#### **OUR GIFTS OF LOVE**

April 24, 2022

Envelopes Issued: 147
Envelopes Used: 54
Budget: \$3,700.00
Amt. Received: \$3,262.00

Your Continued Support is Needed and Appreciated.

For safety precautions donations can also be mailed to the parish office, at the following address:

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#### **Online Giving Now Available**

For your convenience the Archdiocese of Detroit has a new online giving program through **give.aod.org.** 

It is quite simple, log into **give.aod.org** and fill in the appropriate information needed. Please make sure that you choose **St. Aloysius, Romulus** under the organization name.

Your donation will appear in our LDP savings account. Thank you in advance for supporting your church family.

## The Lord's Prayer

(In Memory of Joseph and Verna Kotlarek)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

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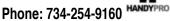
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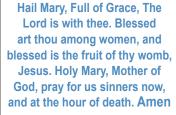
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